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Agricultural Summary

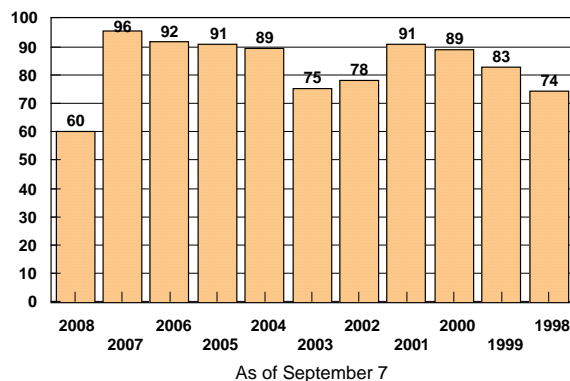
The rain that many producers were asking for finally came this week as a result of Hurricane Gustav. Some areas have commenced silage harvest while others are preparing machinery and bins for the upcoming harvest. There were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork. The average temperature this past week was 2.0 degrees below normal. The average weekly precipitation was 1.83 inches above normal.

Crop Progress

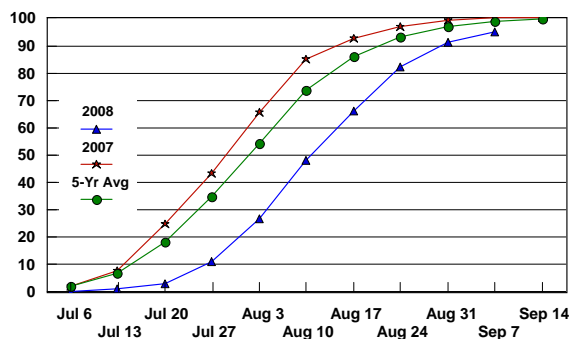
	This Week	Last Week	2007	5-Year Average
September 7				
CORN:				
Dough	95	91	100	99
Dent	60	48	96	88
Mature	4	2	61	37
Harvested	1/	1/	10	3
SOYBEANS:				
Turning Yellow	18	5	61	47
Shedding Leaves	2	1/	29	18
SORGHUM:				
Coloring	39	37	88	84
Mature	1/	1/	59	38
Harvested	1/	1/	7	2
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Third Cutting	89	82	91	92

1/ Less than one percent

Corn - Percent Dented
Illinois



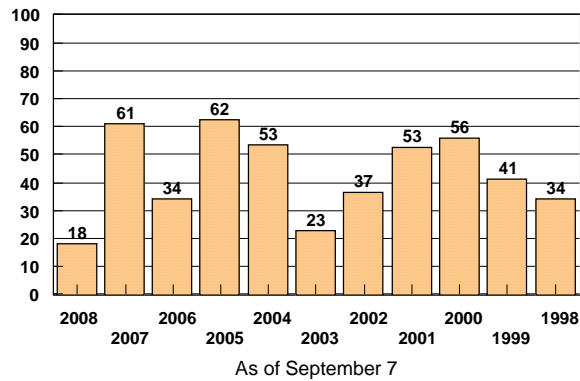
Corn - Percent Dough
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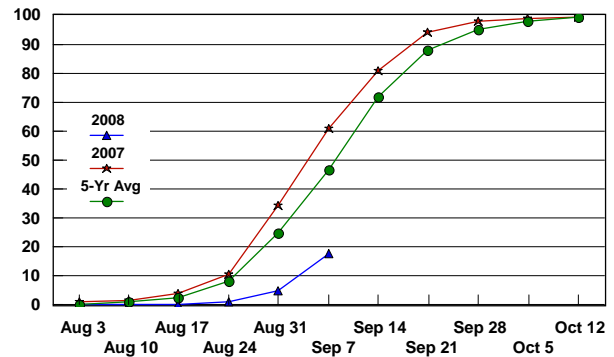
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	September 1-7			September 7	
Northwest	4.5	-	9	85	6
Northeast	4.5	-	5	94	1
West	3.2	-	6	71	23
Central	3.6	-	1	95	4
East	4.9	2	12	84	2
W Southwest	3.7	-	-	71	29
E Southeast	5.6	11	18	70	1
Southwest	5.1	1	11	61	27
Southeast	6.4	37	33	22	8
State	4.5	4	9	76	11

Soybeans - Percent Turning Yellow Illinois



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Crop Conditions

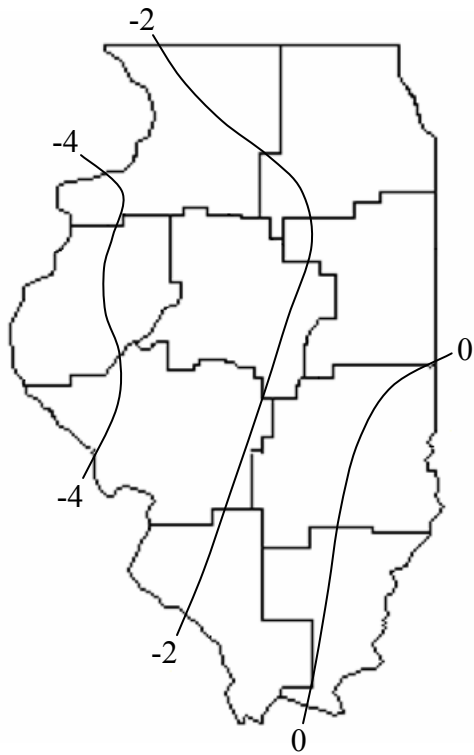
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
September 7					
Corn	2	4	22	55	17
Soybeans	3	5	25	54	13
Sorghum	3	2	16	58	21
Pasture	3	4	34	51	8

Crop Progress by Districts

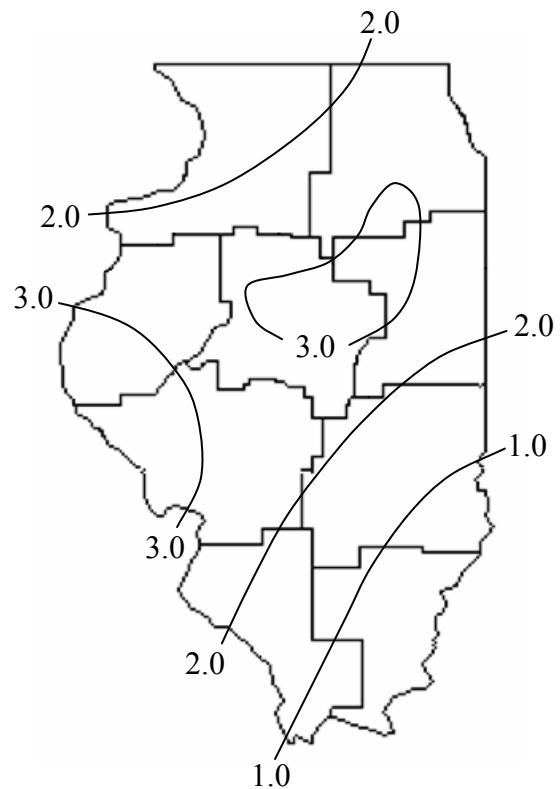
District	Corn Dough	Corn Dent	Soybeans Turning Yellow
September 7			
Northwest	96	52	22
Northeast	92	63	31
West	99	76	30
Central	100	74	14
East	98	60	16
W Southwest	91	62	4
E Southeast	92	44	20
Southwest	99	71	13
Southeast	95	68	7
State	95	60	18

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
September 1 - 7						
Northwest	65.9	-2.6	2.01	1.43	2,302	-164
Northeast	66.9	-1.9	2.97	2.37	2,278	-146
West	67.0	-4.1	3.11	2.41	2,545	-216
Central	67.7	-2.7	3.30	2.63	2,476	-201
East	68.7	-1.2	3.09	2.47	2,461	-164
W Southwest	68.6	-3.4	2.82	2.32	2,678	-187
E Southeast	71.8	-0.3	1.54	0.99	2,745	-130
Southwest	71.7	-1.6	1.84	1.31	2,900	-119
Southeast	73.6	0.0	0.81	0.27	2,999	-46
State	69.0	-2.0	2.41	1.83	2,583	-156



Temperature (°F) Departure
September 1 - 7



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 1 - 7

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